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GREATER PARTY CONTROLS WITHIN ARMY AND SECURITY FORCES

1. SUMMARY. PRESIDENT MACHEL ISSUED COMMUNIQUE JUNE 28 ANNOUNCING STEPS HE HAS TAKEN TO EXPAND PARTY CONTROLS AND POLITICAL INDOCTRINATION IN THE ARMY AND SECURITY ORGANIZATIONS. ENTRUSTED WITH THIS TASK ARE TWO PARTY STALWARTS, ARMANDO GUEBUZA (MINISTER OF INTERIOR) AND SERGIO VIEIRA (DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF PRESIDENT), WHO, ACCORDING TO MACHEL, HAVE PROVEN THEIR LOYALTY TO THE PARTY. COMMUNIQUE ALSO ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW GOVERNOR FOR MAPUTO PROVINCE, A DIRECTOR FOR THE LIMPOPO VALLEY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME AND A NEW DIRECTOR IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT. A FEW ARMY OFFICERS AND ONE POLICE OFFICIAL HAVE ALSO BEEN REMOVED OF THEIR COMMANDS AND GIVEN CIVILIAN RESPONSIBILITIES. END SUMMARY

2. CHANGES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A) ARMANDO EMILIO GUEBUZA, MEMBER OF FRELIMO'S POLITICAL COMMITTEE AND POLITICAL COMMISSARY OF THE ARMY,
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HAS BEEN GIVEN THE "PRIORITY MISSION" OF RAISING THE FIGHTING MORALE AND THE POLITICAL LEVEL OF THE MILITARY AND PARA-MILITARY FORCES AND OF INSTALLING PARTY STRUCTURES WITHIN THESE BODIES. GUEBUZA IS TO HAVE EQUIVALENT RANK WITH THE CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE ARMY (SEBASTIAO MABOTE) AND WILL SERVE AS CHIEF OF STAFF IN MABOTE'S ABSENCE. GUEBUZA HAS BEEN DESIGNATED VICE-MINISTER OF DEFENSE. HE

WILL NO LONGER BE MINISTER OF INTERIOR.

B) SERGIO VIEIRA HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHIEF OF THE DEFENSE AND SECURITY DEPARTMENTS IN FRELIMO, REPORTING DIRECTLY TO PRESIDENT MACHEL.

C) JOSE MOIANA, A MEMBER OF FRELIMO CENTRAL COMMITTEE, MOVES FROM GOVERNOR OF MANICA PROVINCE TO GOVERNOR OF MAPUTO PROVINCE.

D) MANUEL ANTONIO, A MEMBER OF FRELIMO CENTRAL COMMITTEE, BECOMES GOVERNOR OF MANICA PROVINCE.

E) LUIS BERNARDO HONWANA TAKES OVER FROM SERGIO VIEIRA AS DIRECTOR IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT. HE HAD FORMERLY BEEN DEPUTY TO VIEIRA.

F) JORGE MABAY TEMBE HAS BEEN RELIEVED OF HIS JOB AS NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY AND APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF STATE FARM ENTERPRISES IN THE LIMPOPO VALLEY.

G) PEDRO GAIVAO ODALLAH, MEMBER OF FRELIMO CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND AN ARMY OFFICER, JACOB JEREMIAS NYAMBIR, AN ARMY OFFICER, AND LUIS MANTIMBO, A POLICE OFFICIAL, HAVE BEEN GIVEN JOBS IN THE SUGAR SECTOR. THE THREE WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE IN RESERVE STATUS IN THE ARMED FORCES.

H) THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE ARMY GENERAL STAFF IS TO BE REORGANIZED.

3. COMMENTS WILL FOLLOW SEPTEL.DEPREE

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